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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Response to Amendment

1. Receipt and entry of the reply filed on January 22, 2003, including the amendment to the claims, is hereby acknowledged.
2. Nevertheless, the reply filed on January 22, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): applicant has failed to provide support as required either for either the new material added to the disclosure or for the newly added claims 18 and 19, and has also failed to point out the specific distinctions believed to render these newly added claims patentable over the prior art of record.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

3. To avoid confusion, the response to the instant Office communication should be a supplemental amendment to, and NOT a substitute amendment for, the amendment filed on January 22, 2003 since the aforementioned amendment has been entered in the file as already noted above.
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ljiljana (Lil) V. Ciric, whose telephone number is (703) 308-3925. While she works a flexible schedule that varies from day to day and from week to week, Examiner Ciric

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may generally be reached at the Office during the work week between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry Bennett, can be reached on (703) 308-0101. The fax phone number is (703) 305-3463.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0861.

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